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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/4/08

SPONSOR Boitana LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Increase Length Of School Day SB 429

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 429 amends the Public School Finance Act section 22-8-9 NMSA 1978 by establishing a minimum increment of one-half hour for school districts adjusting their school day when developing their school calendar.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 429 has no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the PED, under the current system, school districts and charter schools are allowed to make amendments to their school calendar midyear if they delay or cancel school due to inclement weather. Senate Bill 429 would keep them in alignment with the Public School Code, Section 22-2-8.1 and the Public School Finance Act 22-8-9. Senate Bill 429 does not clearly address these types of amendments during the school year.

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